

MINUTES

UTAH
UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

April 16, 2025

9:00

Convened: 9:06

Adjourned: 11:48

STAFF:

Stephen Duncombe, Bureau Manager
Mark Steinagel, Division Director
Allyson Pettley, Bureau Manager
Sharon Smalley, Board Secretary
Nicole Herrera, Board Secretary

COMMISSIONERS:

Thomas Peterson,
Josh Blazzard, (excused)
Lorianne Bisping
Travis Dalley (excused)
Trent Hunt
Ken Adams
Gary Bullock

Chris Hendrickson (absent)
Art Anderson
Dirk Burton (excused)
Joerg Ruegemer (excused)
Scott Carpenter (excused)
Steve Dailey

VISITORS:

Ross Ford
Bryce McConkie
Troy Thompson
James Jansson
Patrick Tomasino
Park Hammond
Andrew Jolley
Jared Fenn
Don Simons
Rob Durfee

Cathryn Nelson
Jason Van Ausdal
Casey Larson
Jeff Southard, USG
Jeff Shumway, OPLR
A list of all attending electronically was not available.

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A motion was made by Gary Bullock to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2024, and the September 11, 2024, meetings as written. The motion was seconded by LoriAnne Bisping and passed unanimously.

APPOINT LIAISON FOR THE
PLUMBING/HEALTH ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Steven Dailey to ask Travis Dalley to be the liaison. The motion was seconded by LoriAnne Bisping and passed unanimously.

DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS FOR
SHAFT LINER FIREWALLS

Concerns were raised about the inconsistencies in shaft liner products. It was explained that different brands, while appearing similar, have varying installation requirements. Ultimately, it is the contractor's responsibility to make sure that the product is installed according to the manufacturers' specifications.

During the discussion, a question was raised about the appeals process. It was pointed out that Title 15A states that the cities shall have an appeals process but if they refuse that the Commission will act as the appeals board.

DISCUSS SURVEYS TO COLLECT
INFORMATION ON BUILDING OF-
FICIALS TO SUBMIT TO THE LEG-
ISLATURE (TITLE 15A-1-203-(10))

During the 2025 legislative sessions, a new position was created in DOPL for the collection of data on building code compliance issues. This data would be collected from building departments on permit issues, inspection processes, including building code interpretation and enforcement throughout the state.

Mark Steinagel spoke to those present and explained the Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR) review process. DOPL has been tasked with visiting the building departments and also talking with contractors for this survey. It was pointed out that there are 211 jurisdictions in Utah. This data collection process goes into effect on January 1, 2026. The goal is to find deficiency in the process, find ongoing and common problems, code interpretation issues, and to develop ways to resolve these issues. Jeff Shumway pointed out that the information should be gathered in a mixed method and not just a survey.

DISCUSS THE REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE 40-HOUR PROFESSION-
AL TRAINING FOR BUILDING OF-
FICIALS (REFER TO 15A-1-202(16))

House Bill 58 created a definition for "qualified building official". There are three requirements: six years of experience as an architect, engineer, plans examiner, inspector, contractor or superintendent of construction or any combination of these; licensed as a combination inspector, and completion of 40 hours of management training. Sugges-

tions were made of the possible ways to meet the 40-hour management training which included accepting a two- or four-year degree in construction or business management, the building official certification from ICC, and a training from an organization like the Utah Association of Building Officials. The training would need to be approved by DOPL.

DISCUSS THE REQUIREMENTS
FOR LICENSING OF HOME IN-
SPECTORS (REFER TO 15A-1-
302(14))

House Bill 58 has established the requirement for private home inspectors to be licensed through DOPL. Questions were raised as to whether this should be handled by the Building Inspector Licensing Board. The definition of a “private home inspector” is in Title 15A but the qualifications are in Title 58-56-9 and as established by rule. The Commission has asked the Building Inspector Licensing Board to give input as to what the qualifications for licensure will be. It was pointed out that 37 other states have the requirements for the licensure of private home inspectors.

DISCUSS THE COMPLIANCE PATH
FOR THE ENERGY CODE

Ross Ford explained that the energy code has several paths to meet the requirements of the code and is concerned about the specific requirements. This issue will be brought to the Mechanical Advisory Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48.

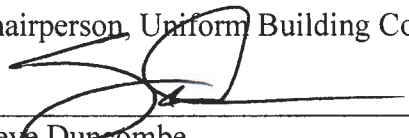
Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

05/14/25
Date Approved

5/14/2025
Date Approved



Tom Peterson
Chairperson, Uniform Building Code Commission



Steve Duncombe
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing